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William F. Johnston, managing editor of the Lewiston, Idaho, Tribune, will be the featured speaker at the fourth annual Dean Stone Night of the School of Journalism at Montana State University on May 8.

Dean Nathan B. Blumberg said that Johnston, in addition to delivering the principal address at the journalism awards banquet, will serve as the 1960 professional lecturer in journalism.

"The School of Journalism is pleased to be able to honor one of the finest editors and editorial writers in the nation," Dean Blumberg said. "Too often writers on small city dailies are ignored although they may be doing a better job than men on the better known metropolitan newspapers."

Johnston, 43, was graduated from the University of Idaho in 1941 with a degree in journalism and political science. He served as editor of the student newspaper and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, national scholarship honorary. He later worked on the Salt Lake Tribune in Salt Lake City and Logan, Utah, and in the Spokane bureau of the Associated Press before becoming managing editor of the Lewiston Tribune in 1949. He now also holds the position of editor of the editorial page.

Johnston was a member of the executive committee of the Idaho Territorial Centennial Commission. He is a member of the Idaho Advisory Committee to the National Commission on Civil Rights and the advisory council of the American Society of Journalism School Administrators. He is 1959-60 chairman of the Idaho-Utah Associated Press Managing Editors Association.

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He recently addressed the regional convention of the Rocky Mountain Collegiate Publications Advisers. He also has served as the Eric W. Allen Memorial Speaker at the University of Oregon.

Dean Stone Night was established in 1957 to honor the memory of the founder and first dean of the School of Journalism. Speakers at the annual banquet have been Louis Lyons, curator of the Nieman Foundation for Journalism at Harvard University; Kenneth Crawford, head of the Washington bureau of Newsweek magazine, and Chet Huntley, radio-television news commentator.

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